articles are made of ingredients not classified as carcinogenic to numans. Certain plastic containers may, however, contain chemicals shown to be carcinogenic.

(b) The Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 and the rules made threunder permit use of only those plastic which conform to the ISI specifications and are considered safe.

**Viral fever in Tribal Areas of Eastern Region**

3295. DR. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether viral fever is rampant in tribal areas of Eastern region;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) measures taken to aradicate such disease and provide adequate medical facilities as well as improve sanitary conditions in the tribal areas;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) (a) to (c) There is no report to suggest that viral fever is rempant in tribal areas of the eastern region of the country. The common viral fever/conditions of public health importance, in India are viral hepatitis, dengue, Japanese Encephalitis, measles and polio. For viral diseases, as on today, there is no specific treatment. For prevention and control of viral hepatitis, states are advised for provision of safe water supply and provision of safe water supply and environmental sanitation. Regarding Dengue, the Directorate of National Malaria Eradication Programme have worked out a contingency action for its prevention and control. Regarding Japanese Encephalitis control, Insecticide spraying and fogging with malthion is undertaken in endemic areas. For prevention of Measles and Poliomyelities, which usually affects young children, vaccines are given under Child Survivial and Safe Motherhood (CSSM) programme. Health Education measures are also undertaken.

**Health Sub-Centres without female health worker**

3296. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sub-centres in the country which are without Female Health Worker (ANM);

(b) what is the reason for this; and

(c) what steps will be taken to see that the sub-centres are actually stagged with female health workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMKANT D. KHALAP): (a) to (c) Out of a total of 132730 Sub-Centres functioning in the country, 6717 Sub-centres are without Auxiliary Nurse Mid-wives. The State Governments are advised from time to time to take necessary steps for filling up vacancies at these centres. 514 ANM training schools, with admission capacity of 16293, are available in the country to take care of the shortfall.

**Review of the Village Health Guide Scheme**

3297. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: DR. SHRIKANT RAM CHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any review of the Village Health Guide (VHG) Scheme has been made;

(b) if so, the results thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Governments are aware that in several thousand villages there is

no VHG whereas a VHG exists on paper; and

(c) what steps will be taken to make this scheme effective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) to (c) Most of the states in the country are not in a favour of the Village Health Guide Scheme. As on record 320360 Village Health Guides are on roll.

(a) A resolution was passed in the 4th Conference of Central Council of Health and Family Welfare that the continuation of the existing Village Health Guide Scheme may be left to those State Governments who desire to implement the Scheme. Continuation of the Scheme/ under Centrally sponsored scheme is under review.

**भारतीय दूरदर्शन दर्शकों के लिए उपग्रहों से सीधे विदेशी कार्यक्रमों का प्रसारण**

3298. **श्री राघवजी:** क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि निजी केबल आपरेटर सरकार से कोई अनुमति लिए बिना ही भारतीय दूरदर्शन दर्शकों को सीधे ही उपग्रहों से विदेशी कार्यक्रम दे रहे हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने इसे रोकने हेतु कोई कार्रवाई की है, यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है, और

(ग) इन उपायों के क्या परिणाम निकले हैं?

**सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री(श्री एस० जयपाल रेड्डी):** (क) केबल टेलीविजन नेटवर्क (विनियमन) अधिनियम 1995 के अनुसार इस प्रयोजनार्थ सरकारी अनुमति की जरूरत नहीं होती।

(ख) और (ग) सरकार का संसद के चालू सत्र में प्रसारण संबंधी विधेयक प्रस्तुत करने का प्रस्ताव है, जिससे अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ केबल टेलीविजन नेटवर्क (विनियमन) अधिनियम, 1995 हो जायेगा तथा विदेशी उपग्रह टी०वी० चैनलों के विनियमन की व्यवस्था होगी।

**Interruption in the Live-telecast of Birth Centenary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose**

3299. SHRI LAKKHIRAM AGARWAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that live telecast of the Subhash Chandra Bose birth centenary function at Red Fort on 23rd January, 1997, went off, when leader of opposition in the Lak Sabha was paying tributes to Netaji;

(b) if so, reasons therefor;

(c) whether any enquiry was made into interruption of such an important telecast; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The matter was looked into and it was found that the telecast went off due to power break down in the microwave repeater station at Vikas Minar.

**Doordarshan Production Centres in Andhra Pradesh**

3300. SHRI K.M. KHAN: will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan Production Centres are fucntioning in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, their location; and, if not, reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to open more Doordarshan Production Centres in Andhra Pradesh in future or encourage opening of the same in future;

(d) if so, names of places selected for the propose with time schedule drawn up in this regard; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?